

Minutes for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Two thousand Twenty Meeting  
Of the Members of  
Camp Ridgecrest Alumni & Friends, Inc.

## Commitment Statement

*Pray daily for our Association and Camp*

*Give time and talents selflessly to the Association*

*Give generously so that we may continue to provide*

*Financial support to Camp and its progress.*

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, over a Zoom call. Jackson Norton called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Jackson Norton, Chris Maslin, Scott Suggs, John Mims, Ethan Jennings, Austin Howell, Adam Hewitt, Trey Davis, Beth Olson, Scott Counce, Will Henderson, Alan Sanders, Robert Angell, Jonathan Hardwick, Josiah Winston, Ryan Krumroy, Bryan Galloway, Dan Pierce, Miriam Zimmerman, Robert Hardy, Josh Martin, Steve Little, Lee Davis, John Cooke, Cara Pollard, Ken Smith, David Bell, Tom Sims, Brant Taylor, Kay Kelly, Ernie Roberts, Daniel Waldroup, Graham Rigby, Jeff Smith, Stephen Grieger, Stephen Turner, Cole Varner, Peyton Bell, Martha Thon, Richard Smith, Parker Chambers, Mike Jones, Bob Donnelly, Dean Noblin, Ashley McCue, Brian Clark, Robert Perkin, Tyler Olson, Daniel Verbist, Brian Snead, Dan Houghton, John Perry, Van Rylander, Matthew Fowler, Steve La Sota, and Bill Chatlos. Jackson Norton thanked everyone for being here.

- **Officers Report**

- Chairman's Report: Jackson Norton said everything he had to say would be covered later in the meeting.
- Vice Chairman Report: Bill Chatlos had nothing to report.
- Treasurer's Report: Trey Davis reported that we wrote an eleven-thousand-dollar check for the sound system for camp and have only raised just under two thousand for the sound system.
- Secretary's Report: Meredith Query had nothing to report.

- Presidents Report: Scott Suggs reported that our bookkeeper Becky Suggs was going to pass the torch to Stephen Turner. He also reported that we have been a private foundation all these years and the past year he has been trying to get us to be a public foundation. This would allow us to receive gifts such as estate gifts and stock gifts. We now have clearance from the IRS to become a public charity. We are still 501(c)3, so nothing changes there.
  - Board of Directors Elections Those that are up for starting Second term are as follows Matt Verlander, Will Henderson, Bill Chatlos, Robert Hardy, Austin Howell, and Beth Olson. The person the Board recommends coming on to the board is Harrison Collins. This slate was voted on and approved by the Members at the meeting.

- **Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee -Trey Davis had nothing more to report other than we what he already stated earlier in the meeting.
- Communication Committee -Ethan Jennings nothing special to report. He did mention with the sale of camp has brought about five times as much traffic to the site. He also stated that he has been trying to work with girl's camp to do joint posts.

- **Other Reports**

- Camp Ridgecrest Family Getaways are going great. We have 310 families/1400 people registered currently. Average stay is almost 4 nights/family. Sound system (paid for by alumni) is wonderful. It is a great addition to our program and is expandable which is great. Crestridge Infirmary is completed and will be a wonderful improvement for our nurses, staff, and campers. CRAF will still contribute to staff gifts this year, but we will only need thirty two gifts instead of one hundred twenty five.
- Outstanding Alumni Service Award Presentation: Will Henderson presented Scott Suggs with the Outstanding Alumni service award for the 2019 year.

- **Old Business**

- Speaker Campaign – Scott Suggs stated that we discussed everything we needed to about the speaker campaign earlier in the meeting.

**New Business**

- Camp Purchase - Since the time the news broke about the sale of camp there has been a ten--person committee. Five people from Ridgecrest five people from Crestridge. They meet every Sunday night to come up with an offer to bring to LifeWay to try to purchase both camps and the conference center. LifeWay is wanting to sell both camps and the conference center as a packaged deal. LifeWay has not set a price for the three properties, but we don't believe they are just

trying to get the highest bidder. There are three things that are key factors for them. The first one being that the buyer maintain the mission of the camps and the conference center. The second priority for them is price. They obviously want to get as much money as they can from this deal. The third priority for them is sustainability. Whoever buys these three pieces of property can maintain it long-term. There is a due diligence committee and Art Snead is leading this committee. This committee will take interested buyers around all three pieces of property. LifeWay wants all offers sent to them by July 15<sup>th</sup>. We know there have been about fifty inquiries about this sale. We think there will only be a handful of people that put in an offer to LifeWay.

After that point they will start to narrow it down. It possibly could take them the rest of the year to nail down a buyer, but they hope to close on something by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. This is a daunting task to complete a transaction like this in such a small amount of time. The ten-person committee's main goal is to keep the leadership the same with the same mission of the camps going forward. They do not necessarily have to be the ones to buy camp. They would also help another organization cross the threshold if they were going to keep the leadership and the mission of camp the same. The committee will make two offers to LifeWay: one for both camps and the second one for both camps and the conference center. We will begin looking for large donors if we get to phase two with LifeWay. We will begin putting it out there on social media because with the time crunch, we cannot do this fundraising the traditional way. If we get to phase two with LifeWay the Ten-person committee will need some capital for consultants, CPAs, and legal advice. This committee asked for ten thousand dollars if they get to the next level. The motion was made and passed by the board.

## Elections

After the meeting, the new Board of Directors elected the following officers:

Chairman - Jackson Norton  
Vice Chairman - Bill Chatlos  
Treasurer - Trey Davis  
Secretary - Meredith Query  
Communications Director - Ethan Jennings

Jackson Norton closed this meeting in prayer.